

NASA REDUCED GRAVITY STUDENT FLIGHT OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

TEAM / NASA ADVISOR PARTNERSHIP EXPECTATIONS

The extent of each NASA-advisor's involvement with the team remains at the discretion of all parties involved: the team, the team's student leader, the team's faculty advisor, and the NASA-advisor.

- The NASA-advisor's role, as we view it, is to advise the team on technical aspects that will help the team obtain their experimental objective.
- The NASA-advisor is not expected to review any team documents or plans; nor provide any resources to construct or maintain the team's experiment.
- The NASA-advisor is not expected to travel to the team's location or invite the team to travel to his/her research facility.
- The NASA-advisor and the team may, of course, agree to such arrangements, but again this is not EXPECTED of the mentor.

In some student programs involving team flights on the KC-135A, a mentor is allowed to fly with the team and their experiment. This is not the case in this particular program because of the academic level of the teams involved.

- Some NASA-advisors may wish to join their team in Houston and help to advise them as they make final preparations to the experiment.
- NASA-advisors can also be invited to observe the progress of the flights, along with the faculty advisor, via a downlink provided in the Reduced Gravity Office briefing room, and later, greet the team and review flight results upon their return.